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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 03 June 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 16 and 36.

Identification of prior art discussed: none.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant described proposed draft claim amendments to obviate the restriction requirement mailed on 4/30/2008. Examiners agreed that the proposed draft claim amendments appear to render the restriction requirement moot since the claims would be obvious variants thereof. Applicants further proposed to cancel claims 42-49.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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